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Steps Heavenward

Or Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, and Temperance

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Text: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance." 2 Peter 1:3-6.

These graces or steps heavenward have their origin or foundation in the divine power which hath given unto us all things. The provision is God's, but the fight is ours. Coupled with the divine provision mentioned in verse 3 there follows exceeding great and precious promises through His Word as the connecting link and means whereby we may be made partakers of divine nature. This task is accomplished in us by divine power and we are dependent upon three things. First, faith, by which we appropriate as our own those things which grace hath provided for us. Second, by giving diligence. "Giving" means literally "bringing in by the side." The provision is through grace upon which we are dependent, yet we are commanded to work out our own salvation

with fear and trembling, therefore, we must bring in by the side of God's grace all things that are necessary to its accomplishment and the furtherance of our spiritual life. Third, if we are to be made partakers of divine nature, we must escape the corruption that is in the world through lust, by denying ourselves fleshly privileges.

Faith

St. Augustine has said that faith is "the root and mother of all virtue." It is therefore the source from which springs the entire chorus of Christian graces. It is the foundation upon which all other graces are dependent. We are therefore commanded to add to our "faith," virtue, etc. Faith necessarily exists in the life of every Christian, therefore, we are commanded to add to it. We are not asked to provide or supply it. Faith is added unto us either thru the hearing of the Word or imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 12:9. We are, however, asked to add such things as will assist in the accomplishment in our lives of those things of which faith is inductive. "Add" means literally "to supply in your faith." These things are necessary to be supplied in order that that which faith has proposed may be wrought out in us. "Add," or supply, comes from the Greek word

"epichoragaste," meaning "to contribute something to the expense of a chorus." The prominent thought is of a musical chorus or pense of a chorus." The prominent vidual but in this case by Christ who here leaves permission that those attending may contribute something. Every Christian must contribute to his own perfection.

These Christain graces supply something toward Christian accomplishment which was begun through faith, the substructure upon which the superstructure of the entire church is dependent. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, the instrument through which the worlds were framed, and the primary agent through which we are saved. Eph. 2:8.

Virtue

Virtue comes from the Greek word "areta" which means, first, "goodness, good quality of any kind." It is perfectly natural that the Christian should be adorned with good quality. Second, it means "uprightness." Therefore, the Apostle Paul has given us a summary of things which should be final in the Christian's life; saying, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8. Such works are in harmony with God's design who hath

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Notices

The evangelistic side of the Church is in need of a revival and church song book. To meet this need we are compiling a book of old songs and the best songs that can be had.

For four years we have been having plates made to accommodate our annual publications, which is absolutely necessary, and in this number of plates we certainly are able to get a real Church of God song book with but very little expense. There will be no new songs in this book but the old time songs such as have proven to be soul-stirring. (This means songs making their first appearance.)

This compilation will not discredit our new "Heart Beats of Heaven" which is to be ready the first of July, with the best of new songs written by our people and good writers outside of our church.

It is great to see the orders coming in for "Pearls of the Cross" and this goes to prove that we believe in a musical department of the Church.

We have always said when the circulation of our musical publications were to the extent of thousands then we could give our worthy people the benefit of a reduction in price and still have a book in keeping with the growth of our church, not lowering the standard of our neighboring publishers. This can only be done when we support the wishes of our people.

Again let me call your attention to the fact of our new church song book to be ready in a few weeks. Watch the Evangel for the announcement and be ready to get the first copies off the press.

It is my prayer to be a blessing in every way and your prayers are earnestly requested that God will keep us tuned to the "strains of His glory."

Your brother in the Master's service, Otis L. McCoy, Music Editor.

To all Kentucky Y.P.E. Presidents:

I wish to thank you for your co-operation. Surely the Y. P. E. work in Kentucky is going over the top for our Master. However, there is one thing that is being neglected. Brother Walker, our Bible School Superintendent, has told me that the Bible School offering has not

been coming in as regularly as it should. I am sure that you didn't mean to overlook this. We remember that an offering should be taken at least once a month for the Bible School. Surely we want to abide by the ruling of the Assembly and further the cause of God.

You will remember that I am praying for you that the Holy Ghost will have charge of every service and that our work in Kentucky will continue to grow. I am ready to help you in any way that I can. I will appreciate your co-operation in this matter.—Carl M. Hughes, State Supt.

The church at Advance would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother C. W. L. Martin and Sister Allie Murray. If not heard from by next conference their names will be dropped from the roll. Also, you Church of God members at Advance, who live in the West and other places, come on with your 40c. Let us go over the top with the rest.—Mrs. Velma Williams, clerk, Garner, Tex.

The Lakeland, Fla. district convention will convene at Bowling Green, Fla., March 7-10. We are expecting all the preachers and Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials to be there. Brother Williams, our state overseer, will be in charge, under the leadership of the Holy Ghost. One and all are invited to attend this great feast of good things from the Lord. Dinner will be served at the church Sunday, so don't forget to come and bring a big box full of good eats. We will be expecting every one.—A. M. Sapp, district pastor.

I am again putting my name and address in the Evangel to see if I can get in touch with more Sunday Schools in the State of South Carolina as I am the State Sunday School Superintendent. Up until now I have heard from only a few of the Sunday Schools. Come on, pastors, and see to it that the local superintendents make a report to me monthly. Remember we have the state banner. This past month it was won by the Sunday School at Lando. Let me insist that on Monday after the last Sunday of each month you send me the report so by the first Monday in the following month the banner can be mailed to where it belongs, to the

Sunday School that has made the most increase. If you fail to make the report on time you will lose the banner. Remember it is an act of loyalty to make these reports. District pastors, let me know when it will suit you best for a Sunday School convention.—Your brother in Christ, R. G. Looney, 114 E. White St., Rock Hill, S. C.

The Church of God at Garrison, W. Va. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Eva Burnside, Maxine Burnside, Ethel Spencer, and Lydia Stafford.

I would be glad to get any late copies of the Evangel to hand out.—Eliza Kendall, Rosine, Ky.

The Church of God in Phenix City, Ala. began a revival Feb. 10, to run as long as the Lord leads. We invite all of God's people to visit us and help in this battle. If you can't come, please pray.—Yours for lost souls, B. D. Smith, pastor, 4440 Cobb Ave., Rt. 1, Columbus, Ga.

To whom it may concern: My address is Gen. Del., Wake Forest, N. C. If Brother S. W. Kerce or any of the following see this, I would be glad to hear from you: J. R. Sanders, B. J. Hillhouse, J. C. Pinion, Dave Delk, John Padgett, Jim Uren, Leon Thomas, and M. M. Thomas.—J. C. Cox.

To the Y. P. E. members of South Carolina: I would like for each local Y. P. E. president to see that a report of the work of your Y. P. E. is sent to me each quarter, also have each one of your members to memorize our national scripture, which is Isa. 6:1-9; our motto is Phil. 4:13, and our song is "Send Me," No. 42 in "Carols of Love." Be sure and learn these for we will want to use them in our convention. I would like for each president to try to get members of your Y. P. E. to subscribe for the "Lighted Pathway." It is very necessary that you have this paper to help your Y. P. E. make a success. I ask that you have a special prayer for the work in South Carolina, and if I can be of any help to you in any way, let me know. I'll be glad to help you any way that I can for the glory of God.—Yours

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MAN CERTIFIED DEAD IS BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE
Arley, Eng., Feb. 8.—(A.P.)—A "Dead" man has returned to life and health with a very satisfying impression of the "next world."

John Puckering, a market gardener, was "restored to life" on the operating table. Doctors certify that he was "dead" for four and a half minutes. One of them massaged his heart—"more from a sense of duty than with any hope"—and Puckering is now back at his work, and in apparently normal health.

The old gardener is sorry this surgery worked.

"What I saw during my brief spell of death," he says, "has made me regret that I ever came back. I was surrounded by thousands of people, all supremely happy, and among them were three that I knew. They nodded and smiled so happily that I was everjoyed to be dead."

"The grave has no terrors for me now. I realize that earthly life, sorrowful as it can be, is just a training ground for something fuller and better."

Immediately after his revival, Puckering called his daughter, a nurse, and told her he had seen her mother who died a year ago. (An evidence of the Christian's hope.)

GOD'S TRIUMPH OVER ATHEISM

Rev. Dick writes of the following interesting incident which took place under his own observation and to his certain knowledge:

"Not always has God kept silence to the blasphemous utter-

ance of the communistic atheists of Russia as seen by the following event:

"From the city of Kharkof, the capital of Ukraina, two atheists came to a nearby village to carry on their atheistic propaganda. At the market place on a platform they delivered their blasphemous speeches before a large audience. The first speaker closed his speech with the words: 'If there is really a God in heaven I kill Him now,' and with that he shot into the air with his revolver and continued, saying: 'and if there is really a God let him kill me now. If there is a God I do not wish to live any more.'

"The second speaker closed his speech with the words: 'If there is a God let Him revenge Himself on me by making me a cripple from now on. I do not wish to walk from this day on, if there be a God.'

"They left the crowd and started for the station to catch a train to Kharkof. On the way to the station the first speaker dropped dead. The second speaker, detained by the sudden death of his companion, arrived at the station late. The train was already in motion. He tried to jump on the moving train but slipped and dropped under the wheels. Both of his legs were cut off and he did not walk from that day on. God had seen fit to smite both blasphemers according to their words."—Defender.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please remember me in prayer. I have had an attack of influenza for the past ten days, being confined to my room part of the time and at

present unable to go about my daily duties due to relapse.

EVANGEL DRIVE

Don't forget we are offering to the party securing the largest number of yearly subscriptions to the Evangel during February, March, and April, a set of Matthew Henry's or Clarke's Commentaries or a \$15.00 Scofield Bible.

NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE

By the time this publication reaches you the office of the General Overseer and General Secretary, and the bookkeeping department will be moved into the new building. The machinery has all been moved and is now in operation. The Editor and Publisher, Sunday School Editor, and the proofreaders moved in Thursday.

ANTICHRIST BIBLE

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, now traveling in Europe, writes that during his visit to the British Museum the superintendent of the library allowed him to handle with his own hands a book consisting of twenty-eight documents known as the "Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion." This book has been called the Bible of the Antichrist. Its catalog mark in the library is C37. e. 31. He further states that the Protocols are quoted as saying that at the proper time they would create a universal economic crisis that would throw millions of unemployed men on the streets.

DARK INDIA

The Literary Digest states the

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following concerning the celebration of a great religious festival in India: "In celebration of the religious festival Ardhodaya Yoga, observed every twenty-seven years, 750,000 native Indians went to Calcutta to bathe in the sacred Ganges River. Science was represented on this devotional occasion by the presence of floating hospitals carrying large supplies of disinfectants which were distributed among the bathers. Great precautions were taken by the government authorities to prevent the outbreak of epidemics in the city. By more than 200,000,000 Hindus in India the Ganges is regarded as the holiest of rivers, the cleanser of sins and the way to Paradise. Pilgrims take some of the water home with them for use in religious ceremonies."

Does a people in such gross darkness have a right to your sympathy and assistance in giving them a knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus Christ?

CHURCH SITUATION IN MEXICO

It is reported that there are 375 licensed churches in the Republic of Mexico remaining and that 95 per cent of Mexican parents are members of the Roman Catholic church. "One-third of Mexico's states and territories prohibit all church services. Schools are forbidden to teach principles disapproved by the state governments, and church officials have threatened to excommunicate parents who send their children to school teaching the socialistic program demanded by secular authorities." Therefore, "parents must either openly defy the constituted law of the republic by refusing to send their children to school, or incur the penalties of Canonical law. In either case the parent incurs the wrath of civil or ecclesiastical authority." The present state of trouble existing between the Mexican government and the Catholic church came when they chose to obey ecclesiastical authority rather than the revolutionary laws of Mexico, which stipulated socialistic instruction in all schools with absolute suppression of all religious theories. Thus the conflict continues, rendering pitifully dark the future of all that citizenship which desires to serve and train their children for God. Such is the

oppression of Communism. Do you want it?

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COMMUNISTIC AGITATION

Earl Reeves, writing in "Editor and Publisher" for Feb. 2, states, "The April platform of the communistic party, during the first year of the Roosevelt administration the party had instigated, aided and helped prolong strikes involving one million individuals." "There were during this strike epidemic, 2654 strikes, including lightening strikes and mystery strikes; walk-outs first, demands afterward; strikes bewildering to management, strikes for causes which remained obscure." This aggravated condition was the result of a decree of the communistic party in April that there should be sixteen weeks of intensive strike agitation to culminate in general strike efforts. It was during this period that our President was busy appointing mediators. Finally the President and the American Federation of Labor tried to effect industrial peace until at their own request the presidents of the chief international unions of the A. F. of L. were given opportunity to testify on Communism in Industry, before the McCormack Congressional Committee in December, in sessions which, as it happened were executive. One method used by communists in effecting strikes is the "Rank and File" which does not take time for council but is the result of action designed to create confusion. It is reported that there is at present pending a "Red Rank and File bonus march brewing." Well had it been for the United States had Mr. Roosevelt not recognized Russia and that proper laws were enacted and executed to save the peace of our American country and our American home. However, what is most precious and vital to the welfare of our nation is religious liberty which communism is designed to overthrow. There is no doubt that much injustice and unfairness exist under a capitalistic state. However, where the privileges of the home or the religious liberty, along with personal liberty, are exchanged for communism, the result will prove to be the selling of one's birthright for a mess of "red pottage" which will afterward bring remorse, repentance, and tears after it is too late.

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saved us through faith.

Here is listed a beautiful category of those things upon which Christians are commanded to meditate as a means of enriching themselves in uprightness and good quality. Faith leads the way to virtue which must be added. Virtue is that manliness and godly courage which keeps the professed Christian from stooping to do those mean and low things which would dishonour the Captain of their salvation. The provision for virtue originates in sum and in substance first in our Master, Mark. 5:30; Luke 6:19; 8:46. Virtue is necessary to protect the Christian worker in time of temptation. Grace has provided for it but it is your duty to add or supply it in along with the workings of your faith.

Knowledge

From an active Christian faith, exercised through the virtue of goodness and uprightness, knowledge would naturally result as a logical sequence of one's own experience, however, the word as here used, coming from the Greek word "gnosis," refers to the particular frame of the "gnoma," or mind, in relation to or concerning things that grow out of one's study and experiences. The reference is to a special kind of knowledge of high character which would be composed of purpose or resolution concerning things with which one has to do. It was said of Christ in Luke 1:77, that He would give knowledge of the remission of sins. Knowledge is a summary of facts. It becomes our duty to add knowledge by means of study and instruction. This may also be added by careful observation of things growing out of one's own experience as well as those things that concern revealed religion.

Knowledge gives the right understanding and perception of things. While faith is incident to it, it is also resultant from virtue or uprightness. One's determination and firmness, brought about thru virtue, might be misdirected and misused without knowledge. The purpose of knowledge is to edify by illuminating the understanding. The Christian is called upon to decide between right and wrong and

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The Way of Victory

EVANGELIST SAM C. PERRY

"And great grace was upon them all." Acts 4:33.

There is often a cry of lack of power in the church. "The liberty and freedom of the Spirit that was once enjoyed, not so much in evidence now," it is said. "The preaching, singing, praying, and testimonies do not possess the unction and power as in former days." Such are statements we sometimes hear. On the whole we believe it is well to give some thought to such criticisms. It is true that even in the most spiritual churches there are times when there is more blessing and victory than at other times.

Jesus likens the Holy Spirit's presence and ministry in the believer to "rivers of living water." And it seems to us that the current of life in the church is like a flowing stream. Sometimes it overflows its banks, then again it is not so full, or perhaps it is still smaller, as a stream gets in time of a drouth. But while it is ever rising or falling, yet it is constantly flowing on. Is not this the history of God's church? And this may apply to individuals as well.

There are times when believers have a more bouyant and active faith, a greater warmth of love, and feel more sensibly God's presence in their lives. So in the Scriptures we read of those who were sometimes weak and sometimes strong. For instance, notice in the case of Elijah, David, and Peter. There are times of trial, when, according to our feelings, we seem to have almost lost our faith, feel discouraged, and for a time it looks as though we had as well give up, but as we are led to look to Jesus, and hold on, our faith mounts up, and we are stronger and more victorious than ever. If such can be the case with an individual, why not with a congregation, in its spirit and activities for God?

There are many kinds of trials, crucifixions and valley experiences through which all of God's saints are called to go, experiences that are God-appointed, and for our good, and yet, these experiences more or less cast a shadow over us and keep us from being so joyous and happy in our spirit for a

time. And wherever we go we cannot hide these shadows.

Saint James exhorts, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations" (1:2). But how many always do that? More often we lament and mourn over our misfortunes, disappointments and sorrows. Saint Peter says, "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you" (1 Peter 4:5). And still it is the strangest thing in the world to us when we meet some of the things that we experience in the Christian way. For instance, when some one finds fault with our sermon, song, prayer or testimony. How it hurts us and often takes away our joy for a time. We just can't see why we must suffer so.

There are various reasons for the services to seem dry or cold. The fact that today's services do not seem so lively as those of last week, may not be an occasion for alarm at all. There may be a noticeable difference in a teaching, evangelistic or a praise service. Then some ministers, and song leaders, and singers are naturally more demonstrative than others. And this is true with whole congregations too.

But there is a deadness which means death, of which we should certainly beware. In all ages God's people have had to live near the danger line. If Satan cannot draw them back into the world and open sin, then he tries some other plan. There are the hot fires of wild fanaticism ever burning with their deadly effect, to wreck and ruin God's work. This is Satan's trap in which he is sure to catch some. Then there is cold, dead formalism; how harmless it may seem to some, yet it is the snare into which a great host has drifted to their doom. And many other things Satan uses effectively. What does it matter to the enemy what becomes of the church, if he may but destroy her power and defeat her heavenly mission on earth? So it is very necessary that we watch and pray, and heed the many warnings to the saints of God in His word. lest we grow cold, lose out and fail of the grace of God.

While it is true that in all ages Satan has had his snares set for the saints of God, it is especially true in these last days. And God has given special warning to His people for these very days. As Jesus declared that many would grow cold and fall away, so it has and is coming to pass, and in an alarming way. But let us remember, my brethren, that all the grace and power of God that was ever available for His people, is still their portion now. And it is received on the very same terms and conditions. Men do not backslide, and churches do not decline in their faith because God's provision is limited, but they fail because they do not appropriate by prayer, faith and obedience, that which is their blood-bought inheritance in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We should ever remember that Jesus came that we might have life, "life more abundant," and power, even "power over all the power of the enemy," which includes "the whole armour" for all the children of God, and that climax of promises given by the apostle Paul, "that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:19). This is the salvation and power that is for every one now, even in these last days of apostasy and spiritual decay. We do not have a mutilated gospel, or a different standard from the early days. Jesus is declared to be "the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8.) If we, as ministers and believers, are weak, and in our lives and service there is a lack of life and power, what excuse can we render? This is still the day of His power. His chosen people, the church, is the people of His power. Through them He is speaking and manifesting Himself to the ends of the earth. Such a people, with such a ministry and mission, must of necessity be a victorious people.

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14.

PATE TOWN, N. C.—I praise God for the good revival which was held here. Six were saved, three sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the Church. I ask all to pray for us.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Smith.

The Ministry of Healing

A. J. GORDON, D. D.

We are never to forget that our Lord is simply carrying on in glory what He began on earth. His ministry has not changed as to its character and offices. The only essential difference is that He exercises that ministry now by the Holy Ghost, and through the Church, instead of by His own personal and visible agency. All the characteristics of His ministry remain unaltered. Hence, we find that when He had ascended up on high, and committed the preaching of the Gospel to Apostles and Evangelists, the very same traits marked their work which distinguished His own. They preached the remission of sins in His name, and in His Name they healed the sick and cast out devils. The twofold ministry goes on just as it did while Christ was on earth. Indeed, it must be so, or the Master's Word has not been kept. Just before His ascension He had

Breathed the Holy Ghost

upon His disciples, and said, "Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them;" and He had said also, "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; * * * they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." There can be no question as to the promise, and none as to the fulfillment. Read Peter's words in the opening pages of the Acts. In one chapter we hear him saying, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;" in the next we hear him saying to the lame man, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." It is Christ's ministry still prolonged—the same twofold grace, the same double blessing to the sinner and to the sufferer. And the whole apostolic age is stamped with similar marks. By the same authority with which Paul says to the jailer of Philippi, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," he says to the cripple of Lystra, perceiving that he had faith to be healed, "Stand upright upon thy feet."

How is it that this twofold cord of our ministry has been unbraided,

leaving us but a single strand? How is it we still preach the remission of sins, but dare not, on the pain of being deemed enthusiasts and fanatics, hold out the hope that sickness can be remitted by faith in Jesus Christ? O, Church of the ascended Christ, carrying still in Thy hands the Master's commission, with

No Clause Annulled

and no vestige of authority revoked, what has happened to thee, that the lame must lie at thy doors, and none can take him by the hand and lift him up; that the sick must pine on his couch, and never a cure must be expected through the prayer of faith? Hast thou ceased to walk in the light of the Sun of Righteousness, that thou hast no longer any healing shadow to throw upon the sick and dying? How is it that, instead of mourning and being humbled at the loss of these apostolic gifts, thou art lifted up with self-complacency, speaking reproachfully of such as seek for the revival of those gifts, and visiting them with cold rebukes? Is it an occasion for pride that "thou hast no healing medicines" for the sick, and that thou must say to the lame and leprous, "Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up?" My brethren, we cannot ask these questions too earnestly or too repeatedly. There is a cautious reserve of faith which may carry one very near the perilous edge of skepticism; and to let go our confidence in what is highest and hardest to credit in the promises of God may be a token of our wilful choice of what is lowest and most superficial in Christian consecration. I am weary with one of the excuses which Christians have framed for their impotence, telling the world that the age of miracles has passed, and that the gifts of healing have been withdrawn. The age of miracles has passed indeed, and perhaps

The Only Reason

is that the age of faith has passed. Christ has given no intimation in the pages of Scripture that the age of miracles is past with Him. He has not grown old that the foun-

tains of His saving health must run dry. He who healed the withered hand has not lost the use of His own right hand through infirmity of age. "(His) hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear." I feel as sure as I am of anything that the loss of a healing ministry is due to a change in the Church, and not to a change in Christ. It is because we have backslidden from the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, and not that Christ has retreated from His ground. In the whole history of Divine cure, as revealed in the New Testament, we find but two conditions entering into the question—the power of Christ and the faith of man. "Believe ye that I am able to do this?"

Alas! How we have erred! Because we cannot rise to the height of this great privilege, we bring down the promises of God to our low level, and what we cannot do we hold that God does not allow. Because we have no longer faith to be healed, we openly teach that the Lord no longer heals. I for one, would keep

The Standard of Apostolic Power

and privilege where the Lord put it, if it served no other purpose than to condemn and shame us for our unbelief. I do not believe that since the day that Christ entered into Heaven, and, through the Holy Ghost, gave gifts to men—"to one * * * the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; * * * to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit"—there has not been any change in the Lord's order for His Church. There has been a sad change in the Church's attitude towards these gifts. She has learned to discredit what she has forgotten how to use. She has come to condemn as fanatical what she once rejoiced in as Divine. But her Divine right and charter remain unchanged, and only wait for her resumption when she gets back her ancient faith. Do I say this in criticism, speaking of others as one who has himself attained? Indeed not. Nor is personal attainment the indispensable condition to strong faith and positive assertion. Have you never read the saying of a Christian father, "*Certum est quia impossibile*" ("It is true because it is impossible")? It seems like an audacious paradox; but it was

learned from the Master Himself. "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God," says Jesus. And faith has to do with God, not with man. It takes the measure of its creed from

The Power and Promise of the Almighty,

not from the experience of the creature. Hence to the revelation, "All things are possible with God," Christ has taught us to join the confession, "All things are possible to him that believeth." What then has God written of His power and will concerning us? This is the one question for us to settle. We are not to level down God's Words to the grade of our own experience. "All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." And it is not for us to modify and condition them to every varying shade of faith or feeling. What has the Lord written concerning the great matter which we are discussing? This question must be held supreme. Tell me then what these words mean: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." Here is a double promise, bearing the distinct impress and seal of that double ministry of which I am speaking. You have no doubt about the latter half. With the fullest assurance you fall upon your knees to pray for a friend that his sins may be forgiven him—and if you see that he has faith to be forgiven, you do not hesitate on the strength of God's Word to declare his absolution. But of the first part of the passage you say, "This does not apply to present times; this was for the Apostles and primitive believers." Who gave you warrant for

Cleaving This Text in Twain,

and using one half of the promise and remanding the other to an outgrown age of miracles and wonders? We ought to be ashamed at the bare suggestion of such violence to God's Word. What God has joined together, whether in His Word or in His ordinances, let not man put asunder. Is it a mark of faith or faithfulness to encourage such wanton rending of what the Holy Ghost hath joined into unity? To a true Christian the very life of a text is in its undivided wholeness,

and, like the true mother in the judgment of Solomon, he would rather surrender it entire than have it sundered by the sword. I have said all this in the revolt which I have felt at the arbitrary license which so many are exercising in setting aside as impossible what the Scriptures promise without reserve. I am glad to believe that in many parts of the world, and in many branches of the Church, God is signally reviving these apostolic gifts. —The Elim Evangel.

GRAND CONVENTION AT COCONUT GROVE, FLA.

The Miami district convention held in the Church of God at Coconut Grove opened Friday night, Jan. 11, with wonderful singing and special music which was inspiring to all. By the time our pastor, Brother F. M. Waldron, gave an address of welcome we felt welcome and those called on for response had no difficulty in expressing their feelings as being welcome.

Our state overseer, Brother Williams, being in charge appointed Brother Brinsfield to speak on "The Need of the Hour." After his message we felt that the need of the hour was to gain more of the power of God and to have more power with God. The ministers of the churches in the district gathered for a business session Saturday afternoon and had a good service. A message on "Divine Healing" by Brother J. H. Pierce proved to us that it is the privilege of every child of God to be healed of any disease by faith in God as healing was provided for in the atonement of the blood of Jesus, His Son. After a few remarks by Brother Williams we enjoyed a message on "Missions" by Brother E. O. Sells, after which our General Overseer, who had just arrived from Haiti, spoke about his

trip and the mission in Haiti. We were glad to hear of Haiti's president, who, according to Brother Latimer's statement would not allow such an ungodly thing as a "nudist colony" on his island. Such an one as he is to be commended! Brother Latimer also told us of the power of God and how religiously inclined the inhabitants are.

Sunday morning we gathered again in the house of the Lord and enjoyed His presence and power while Sister O'Bannon spoke about "Sunday School." Her message was one that should have awakened parents to the need of not only sending their children to Sunday School but coming themselves and bringing their little ones. We realize that it is an easier task to lead than to drive. Brother Williams brought a message on "The Coming of the Lord" to which it was a pleasure to listen. After feasting thus far on the blessings of God a table was spread on the grounds and an earthly feast was enjoyed.

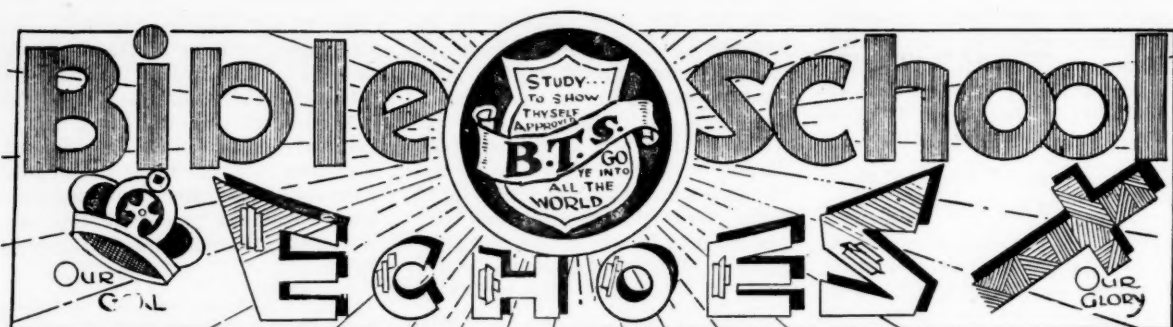
After hearing reports by the representatives of the different churches Sister E. O. Sells brought a wonderful message on "Love." An offering was given during the day in an amount of above twenty-six dollars. We were thankful to both God and contributors for the amount which was given for the worthy cause, foreign missions.

The convention came to a close Sunday afternoon and we parted with a feeling in our soul that we had received the good blessings and enjoyed the good fellowship and communion of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost which we had so joyfully anticipated. — John A. Page.

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B. T. S. MISSION NEWS

The B. T. S. mission work is progressing nicely. God is graciously blessing our efforts with marked success. Compliments have been extended to different parties from some of the leading business men of Cleveland and other places where our services have been held. We wish to express our appreciation to all who have helped to make this work a blessing.

Following is a brief report for Saturday, Feb. 2, 1935:

Ringgold and Dalton.—This party consisted of five students: Brothers Hilcher, Hawks, Cutts, and Childers (in charge.) Services in Ringgold Saturday night were a success. Brother Childers preached, using "The Wrath of God" as his subject. Numbers made their way to the altar for prayer. Prospects become brighter for a church here. One brother's wife, who is afflicted with T. B., tarried all Wednesday night for the Holy Ghost. She received the blessing Thursday morning about nine o'clock.

This party spent the night in Dalton, with some of the good people there, and attended services Sunday. Brother Cutts gave a Sunday School talk which was enjoyed by all. Brother Childers preached Sunday night using "The Prodigal Son" as his subject. Some were saved and many requests were given in for prayer. The Y. P. E. which was organized by Brother Childers has nearly eighty members at present and they have already purchased a piano for the church.

Benton.—This party consisted of Brother Patton, Sister Coats, Sister Iredell Walker, the Pioneer Quartet, Raymond Ashcraft, and Sister Ashcraft. They were certainly glad to have with them Sisters Grace Hix and Case from South Carolina, Sister Hix being a

former student of B. T. S. Brother Hoyal Case conducted a testimony service, after which Brother G. W. Patton preached.

Cleveland.—Service was conducted by Brother D. B. Hatfield from Kentucky. Brother Geo. Blankenship, also from Kentucky, preached with good interest manifested by all who attended.—Mission News Reporter, Woodrow C. Byrn.

JUST AN ECHO

From Two Ex-Students of B. T. S.

Brother Colon Dunn just returned from B. T. S. and conducted a revival at the Church of God in Sylacauga, Ala. Human tongue can never express how the glory of God came down in this series of meetings. The meeting continued three weeks. I can't report how many were converted and sanctified as we lost count of them, but I can report that forty received the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Thirty-three were added to the Church of God. We now have a C. of G. Y. P. E. with seventy-five members. Talk about Alabama music talent, you ought to hear them sing.

Also, we have two prospective students in this number, now planning and making arrangements to be in B. T. S. next term. Pray that they will make the rifle and land there without fail. As I write this little article my heart throbs and my very being is filled with sweet and precious memories of that fellowship that it seems can't be found elsewhere. Pray for us here in this harvest field.—J. L. Yates, pastor, Sylacauga, Ala.

LEPROSY AS A TYPE OF SIN

Martha Holt

"Being the worst form of disease, leprosy was fixed upon by God to be the special type of sin, and the injunctions regarding it

had reference to its typical character." (Smith's Bible Dictionary.)

It Is Hereditary

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:19. Even tho' we are born with inbred sin in our hearts we must remember that "for as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Cor. 15: 22. Although it isn't our fault that our hearts and bodies are afflicted by the terrible curse of sin it is our responsibility to permit the blood of Jesus to eradicate it from our heart and life.

It Is Contagious

For that reason we should heed Paul's admonition to the Corinthians "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you. And ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6:17, 18. What could be more desired than the honor of being a child of the King, King of kings, Lord of lords. If we ever attain to this great position we must remember that those who are to bear the vessels of the Lord must be clean, Isa. 52:11. Let us pray with the psalmist David, "Purge me with hyssop that I shall be clean: wash me that I shall be whiter than snow." Ps. 51:7. Oh, that the evils, trials, and sufferings of this present world could be borne with patience by our Christian people. For what is the suffering of this present world? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Rom. 8:35. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed

in us," Rom. 8:18.

It Is Ever Tending to Increase

Although the blight of sin may be ever so small it has a natural tendency to increase. It is reasonable to believe that one rotten apple would eventually spoil a whole basket of apples. So cautious should the Christian be of little things that are not (as they think) so very harmful. Not only will they ruin themselves but certainly have an effect on their associates.

Incurable Except by the Power of God

"Then when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death," James 1:17. Truly if a human heart remains in the bondage of Satan, it will finally be recompensed with death eternal. But thanks to the giver of all good and perfect gifts, especially the heavenly Father's gift of all gifts, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By His blood we are saved and permitted to enter into the Holy of Holies, and thru Him God's healing power may rid our bodies of disease, and our souls of sin. When this glorious power has eradicated the stain of sin from our hearts, let us not be as the nine ungrateful men whose record is found in Luke 17:11-19, but with thanksgiving and praise let us follow the example of the tenth leper made clean who did glorify God. Even though at times you become discouraged because God's true children seem in the minority and Satan's powers trouble us sorely, remember to ask yourself this question, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Therefore in our youth let us give ourselves to Jesus. Let us remember that years in sin cause the scars to be large. It takes sometime many years for sinful scars to disappear even tho' the blood of Jesus has been applied. We know that the blood of Jesus always has and always will cleanse deeper than the stain of sin ever dared to go.

B. T. S. NEWS ITEMS

The B. T. S. student body and faculty members regret the absence of Brother Carl Cox who has been summoned to his home in South Carolina, his father being seriously ill.

The Bible School was delighted to have as a visitor Monday morn-

ing Brother E. M. Ellis of Chattanooga. Brother Ellis made an interesting and helpful talk during chapel.

B. T. S. were pleased to entertain as week-end guests an ex-student, Sister Grace Hix, also Sister Lois Case, both of Greenville, S. C.

The school was also favored with a visit by Sister Tula McCoy, member of the "Alabama Harmony Four" quartet, last Friday, Feb. 1st. Miss McCoy is also an ex-student of the B. T. S.

A goodly number of "out of school" folks attended the regular Friday afternoon service Feb. 8th

SPECIALS

HALEYVILLE, Ala. — Dear Evangel readers, the Lord is still blessing at Haleyville. In the last two weeks two have received the Holy Ghost just in praise meetings in our home. Brother Charles Curtis preached last Sunday night and the power fell wonderfully and another one received the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! We are trying to build a church house as we need one very badly so please pray for us. We have a Church of God at this place with eleven members and think we will have more soon. The enemy had tried hard to stop this but, praise the Lord, He has opened up for us. People are looking this way. Pray for me that He may make the way for me to go out into His work as I feel He has called me.—Your humble sister, Rosa Fitzgerald, clerk.

CULLOWHEE, N. C.—We closed an eleven days' revival at Erastus with good success. In spite of the bad weather, we had good crowds.

Six were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. The revival was conducted by the writer. —T. C. Wiggins, district pastor.

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ELDORADO, ILL. DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Eldorado, Ill. district convention convened at Eldorado, Dec. 28-30. Every evening the young people had charge until seven-thirty as this was also a Y. P. E. convention. Brother Guy Dean and Sister Grace Wallace gave the welcome which was wonderfully responded to by Sister Pyles. We had some beautiful music and singing by our young people after which God blessed wonderfully in a testimony service led by Brother Bennie Gibbs. The regular service started with an outpour from heaven. After special singing by the male quartet Brother Goins preached on "The Threefold Work of the Good Shepherd."

Saturday morning every one gathered with a wonderful feeling of fellowship. Brother Ash talked to us on "The Pearl of Great Price." Sister Davis in her message told us how to have power for service and stand against the devil anywhere, any time. After this God sent great blessings down in our testimony service. After noon Brother Yates told of the great need of missions in his sermon on "Modern Missions." Brother Goins gave a stirring talk on missions. After some business we were dismissed until the evening service when the young people took charge. After some splendid music and singing Bro. Wallace talked to us on the "Benefits of the Y. P. E." and Sister Wallace boosted the Lighted Pathway, then the older folks took charge and God kept on blessing. Brothers Utley and Trail gave two short but inspiring messages. Brother Goins brought forth a very much needed sermon on the "Trinity."

Sunday morning after Sunday School and singing by the quartet Brother Milligan preached on "Loyalty." Brother Goins explained how near the coming of Jesus was in his discourse on "The Signs of

the Time." Reports of the churches were given in the afternoon and God put His approval on them for the churches are all in good condition this year.

The young people's service was very interesting. Brother Theron Forester and Sister Nell Traill were the speakers and my, how God blessed both. Brother Goins then preached on "The Dispensational Work of the Holy Ghost." This was a convention which will long be remembered because of the sweet presence of God.—Mrs. Theron Forester, clerk.

Steps Heavenward

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to choose between things of the flesh and of the Spirit. Knowledge in connection with such circumstances or conditions is to be desired as well as essential. The apostle speaks of some of the brethren at Rome, mentioned in Romans 15: 14, as being full of goodness or virtue and filled with all knowledge and therefore able also to admonish one another. A man of knowledge has great influence or power over others by his conduct. 1 Cor. 8:10. Virtue leads the way to knowledge and has no love for those things that distract or hinder growth in Christian grace and activity.

That he might be possessed with a knowledge of Christ, the Apostle Paul counted all things of an earthly nature but loss, thus placing them on the opposite side over or against the things of Christ, Phil. 3:8. For in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, Col. 2:3. God would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, 1 Tim. 2:4. In 2 Tim. 3:7 we are warned of certain worldlings "who are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." After we have received the exceeding great and precious promise concerning divine things we are warned to beware lest we be led away by the error of the wicked and fail from our own steadfastness. The only preventative is the command to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:17, 18.

Temperance

The progress and development of faith as it leads through the essential qualities of virtue and pro-

gressive development of knowledge prepares the Christian to do exactly what he is here commanded; i.e., to be temperate. With the virtue of uprightness and knowledge acquired thru Christian experience one might be expected to apply the balance of self-control. The tree of knowledge of good and evil had its dangers, hence the warning not to touch it; and it does so still. Therefore, with acquired knowledge of things right and wrong, Christian philosophy demands temperance. There is remarkable progression here in that God has not demanded temperance until virtue has become a possession and knowledge has been imparted to know how one should control him or herself. Knowledge gives the ability to form a right decision respecting one's virtues, and temperance is the lever of self-control which must be applied to retain it. The word "temperance" comes from the Greek word "ego," meaning the I, the self; and "cratos," meaning to be strong, stout, possessed of mastery, master of self. Hence self-control is continuance in things of right determination lest one be thrown out of balance. Ordinarily when temperance is mentioned the generally accepted idea is that it refers only to the use of wines or liquors. Such an idea is only partial and is much in opposition to the general principle here had in reference. Indeed self-control extends over the whole Christian life and consists in governing the entire appetites thus forming right habits, practice and conduct.

To be temperate requires the exercise of practical knowledge concerning things right or wrong. It was Christ who said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." Jno. 8:32. The exercise of true knowledge leads to temperance or self-control, thus giving perfect freedom which consists alone in serving God and is directly opposed to that liberty or over-indulgence of false teachers who are possessed by a spirit of licentiousness, the meaning of which is to be without license or law respecting one's morals or conduct. With the union of virtue and knowledge comes the power of temperance or self-control, without which an individual is unable to concentrate himself concerning any given purpose. We are

commanded to be temperate in all things, which takes into consideration the whole fabric of Christian profession. It regulates the morals and appetite of the individual and sets up the standard for domestic relationship which controls every member of the home as well as the church. It is the principle by which we are commanded to walk with wisdom toward them who are without and is the sole administration by which a b'shop may become blameless. It was as Paul reasoned concerning righteousness, "temperance" and judgment to come that Felix trembled. He lacked uprightness and self-control which would fit him for impending judgment, therefore, he trembled and said, "Go thy way for this season and when I have convenient time I will call for thee." Acts 24: 25.

The Greek word as used in our text is the same word which translates "contain" in 1 Cor. 7:9. The Apostle Paul uses analogy with lucid vividness in 1 Cor. 9:24-27, in which he mentions that "every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate (or controls himself) in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we are an incorruptible. I therefore so run not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air, (or on a big spread today but I am watching and acting carefully I am applying divine principles). But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." "Castaway" comes from "adokimos," which means disapproved.

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SPECIAL

FIELD, Ky.—I praise God for a wonderful meeting at Mills, Ky. I preached there Nov. 24th and 25th telling them about the great Church of God that is spreading over this country. Twenty-six came forward for membership in the Church of God. We set a church in order. Everybody is happy and smiling and wanting nothing but the truth. Pray that God will work there in a wonderful way. Pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, James L. Sizemore.

NOTICES

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for better service, C. F. Grant, 8 Front St., Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

CORRECTION: Through a mistake on our part the name of Ernest W. Williams was left out of the evangelists list in the last Minute. Brother Williams makes reports to headquarters and as far as we know is in good standing with the Church.—General Secretary.

To whom it may concern: We, J. A. Tant and Roy Thomas, are now ready for evangelistic work. If there is a church that needs a meeting, we are at your service. For further particulars, write us.—Roy Thomas, Rt. 1, Steppsville, Ala.

To the ministers, churches and friends in Mississippi: The time is here for our state conventions again. The South Mississippi convention will convene at Morgantown, March 14-17. The North Mississippi convention will meet with the Pisgah Springs church (six miles west of Eupora, Miss.) March 21-24. The convention proper will open at each place on Thursday night and continue thru Sunday. I earnestly appeal to every lover of the Church to attend these meetings. S. W. Latimer, our esteemed General Overseer, will be present at both meetings. The programs are being arranged now. Come praying for the greatest time in history. If you have any music, bring it. Special attention will be given to singing, music, prayers, praise, preaching, exhortation and encouragement of all. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost will be welcome. Members, friends, and ministers, come praying, believing, expecting the favors of God.—T. M. McClendon, state overseer of Mississippi.

To the churches in Alabama: The camp ground has been bought at Sumiton, Ala. We had an agreement at our ministers' meeting that each member pay 25c per member. Pastors, please look after this and send the money to Brother C. Brewer, Sumiton, Ala. The church at Sumiton has raised \$150.00 with which we have bought

a building that has about half enough lumber and roofing, so please come on with your part. If there is some one who would like to build a camp house, we have about three acres of land on which you will be welcome to build. We hope to have the camp meeting July 6. If there are some carpenters who would like to give some work on the building, we will be glad to have you help. We will give you a place to stay.—G. C. Dunn, state overseer of Alabama, Springville, Ala. (Notice my address is changed from Alabama City, Ala.)

The Church of God at New Georgia, Addison, Ala., would like to

know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of D. W. O'Dell. If not heard from by March 1, his name will be dropped.—Vergie Carroll, clerk, Addison, Ala.

The clerk of the church at Augusta is no longer Mrs. Ethel Moore but is now Mrs. Minnie Kinsey, 1917 Ellis St., Augusta, Ga.—Y. E. McNear, pastor, 1826 Hicks St., Augusta, Ga.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Odum, Ga. to 1826 Hicks St., Augusta, Ga.—Y. E. McNear.

To the pastors and Sunday School superintendents of the

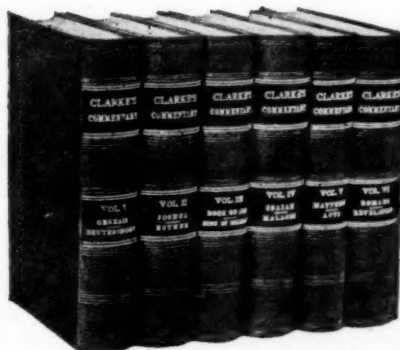
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Asheville district: Inasmuch as I have been appointed as your district superintendent, I wish to ask that we each put forth every effort possible to make this the best year yet, for the Sunday Schools on the Asheville district. I want each superintendent to put on a special drive in your Sunday School to build up your enrollment. We are going to have a district Sunday School banner which will be sent each month to the Sunday School having the largest increase. I am asking that each clerk report promptly the first of each month. By so doing we can get the banner to your church without any delay, which will of course encourage your Sunday School. Let's co-operate and encourage each teacher and member of our schools to unite forces together and see this good work go forward by leaps and bounds.—Expecting to hear from you at an early date, I am sincerely yours for better Sunday Schools, C. H. Shaw, 474 Fairview Rd., Asheville, N. C.

REQUESTS

We started a revival here Feb. 3 but the evangelist's (Brother Dixon's) baby died and he was called home for a few days. We expect to hold on and renew our efforts in a few days. Please pray especially that God will save souls in the meeting, sanctify and baptize them with the Holy Ghost and heal the afflicted and sick, and we will give Him the glory.—Your brother, D. F. Baldree, Homerville, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for our four-year-old son who is very sick. — Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lee, Vinemont, Ala., Rt. 3.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my husband and save him. Pray for me to live closer to the Lord. I don't get to go to church much and am living where there isn't a Church of God. I would be glad if some good Church of God preacher would bring a tent and come this way. If Brother and Sister A. M. Phillips see this, please write me at once.—One who loves the Lord and His children, Mrs. Pearl Sargent, Altamahaw, N. C.

Pray for Mrs. Frazier's little girl who has a bad head trouble. They

think she will have to have an operation but when God's people pray, I know God heals. He healed the woman and five children I requested prayer for a few weeks ago.

If any one would like to have me in a meeting, please write me at Thomaston, Ga., 104 2nd St.—Mary Lynch.

Pray for me, my mother, and my sister and her family. Also pray for my dear precious boy who is out in sin.—Your sister, Effie Hagewood, 102 2nd St., Thomaston, Ga.

Dear readers, pray with us here for a revival. This is a hard place and the church has been hindered here. We are praying for the Lord to send us an evangelist. Any foursquare Church of God preacher will find a hearty welcome here. Preachers, if you are not afraid to sacrifice for the Lord, come on and let us open fire on the devil. If Brother Ramsey and family, who formerly lived in Milton, W. Va., see this, please get in touch with me at once. Pray for us. We are looking for greater things in Columbus, Ohio in the future.—Your humble servant in the Lord, Jesse Sutherland, pastor, 69 Innis Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

The devil surely is giving me a battle and I need the prayers of every saint of God. He knows my heart. I have no desire for worldly things but want to go with Jesus when He comes. Please pray a special prayer that I will soon get victory over sin and the devil. Also pray for my mother, father, and brother, that they may receive this sweet blessing before it is too late.—Your sister in the Lord, Miss Dortha Shortt, 1103 Shelby St., Bristol, Tenn.

Dear friends, I want every one to remember me when you pray for I am having a battle with the enemy. Remember my loved ones who are out in sin. My precious father is eighty-four years of age and my mother is old and they are still in sin, also I have two brothers and eight sisters in sin. My people do not believe in the Church of God, except one sister. Pray that God will send conviction upon them and show them the light on the Word

of God. Pray that I may be healed of acute rheumatism which I have had since Dec. 8.—Your sister in the Lord, Maud Cassey, 1103 Shelby St., Bristol, Tenn.

I want the prayers of the saints for my baby who is two years old and has kidney trouble. Also pray that God will fully satisfy me with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Yours in Christ, Leonard B. Pack, Pinson Fork, Ky.

We are in a meeting at Crumleys Chapel, Ala. Every one pray that God will get hold of hearts and they will come weeping their way thru to victory. Pray that God will send an old time, Pentecostal revival.—Yours for service, Brother and Sister Thomas Evans.

Please pray for me that God will help me to be faithful. I am the only one in my family who knows the Lord. Pray that I will be an example before my lost people and they will see that holiness is right.—A sister, Ada Jones, Jefferson City, Tenn.

A revival started at the Church of God at Andrews, N. C. last Sunday night. Please pray that many souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Wiggins and daughter from Culloree and Sister Grant from Whittier, are here with us. Please pray for us.—A brother, A. J. Murray.

Please pray for our pastor's wife. She is very ill. She has a pin scratch on her wrist and blood poison has set up. Pray for God to heal her.—Miss Blanche Higdon, 8050 Division Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

Please pray for the revival here with Brother W. D. Childers in charge. If you can come and be with us a few nights we will be glad to have you.—Geo. W. Cooper, pastor, 208 Farmer St., Anderson, S. C.

I am not able to do my work but I am trusting in the Lord for help. Help me pray that I will be able to find a good Christian girl or woman to keep house for us. We have a Christian home.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Ockey Hamilton, Rt. 4, Dunn, N. C.

DEATH NOTICES

SULLINS

Aunt Sallie Sullins (Sister Buck Sullins) passed away to her eternal home Jan. 11, 1935, age seventy-three years, three months, one day. Brother Sullins preceded her home Aug. 29, 1933. Sister Sullins had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. The funeral was conducted by the writer and the body was laid to rest in the Comer cemetery at Short Mt.—A brother in Christ, Richard Turner.

COOK

Our darling grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Cook, departed this life to be with Jesus, Jan. 25, 1935. She was born Jan. 26, 1859, lacking one day being 76 years old. For the last ten years she was a member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by Brother G. W. Padgett and Brother Melvin Ashmore and interment made in Beth-el cemetery.—Her granddaughter, Mamie Holland.

STUTTS

On Jan. 17th God took Harold Edward Stutts who was twelve years of age, the oldest son of Sister Trixie Stutts. Harold preceded W. A., Jr., his youngest brother, but a week and a few hours, for on Friday morning, Jan. 25th, the angel of death claimed her baby W. A., Jr. who was eight years old. And then an hour and a half later Dorothy, the oldest child, at the age of sixteen, went to join her brothers in glory. The children were all Christians and Dorothy was filled with the Holy Ghost. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and interment made in the Evergreen cemetery at the Church of God at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.—J. S. Brinsfield, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

WILLIAMS

Sister Elenora Williams, age unknown, departed this life Sept. 18, 1834. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Long Bough, Boro-Bridge, Jamaica, and died a happy death. We trust to meet her some sweet day when the redeemed go marching in.

DENHAM

Mother went to be with Jesus

Jan. 31, 1935, at the age of fifty-two years, nine months, fourteen days. She was a faithful member of the Church of God for eight years. My father and four children have come in the way thru her prayers, one of the boys have been called to preach. The funeral services were conducted by Brother Lawrence Hughes at Somerset, Ky., and interment was made at West Somerset cemetery.—Her son, Boyd Denham.

SNOW

Mrs. Ethel Snow was born Feb. 15, 1900, and died at the age of thirty-four years, eleven months, and three days. Her husband, Dewey Snow, preceded her in death eight years. She was saved on her dying bed.—Her mother, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

COATS

Carl Junior Coats, little son of

Mr. and Mrs. Ethel J. Coats, was born July 13, 1934, and died at the age of six months and twenty-one days. Funeral services were conducted by J. C. Kimbrough and interment made in the Linwood cemetery.—Mrs. Ozelle Kimbrough, Neshoba, Miss., Rt. 1.

SPECIAL

ORLANDO, Ky.—We thank the Lord for the good revival we had here. The Lord has been blessing. It looks as if there are good prospects for a good work here. Twenty-eight were saved. We haven't a regular place for service, we have been having them in a schoolhouse but everybody is wanting a church set in order and a regular place for services.—Yours truly, Jesse Bryant, Gen. Del.

REPORT OF LAKE WALES, FLA. DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Lake Wales district convention convened at Wauchula, Fla.,

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Jan. 18-20 with Brother E. W. Williams, overseer, in charge. By seven o'clock Friday evening, the time for the convention to open, a large number of ministers, delegates and visitors were present with smiling faces and happy hearts. The home folks were also present and were greeting the visitors with a glad welcome. A good song service was conducted by Brother Williams. The power of the Holy Ghost came down and we were made to rejoice together. The welcome address was given by the local pastor, Brother E. L. Moore, and a song, "Homebells Will Ring a Welcome for Me," was rendered by the Moore quartet. I am sure by this time all felt welcome and at home. Brother Alderman, our district pastor, then gave a good exhortation on "Getting the Convention Started" as he called it. Brother B. W. Watson delivered a very able sermon on "Church Government and Its Necessity."

Saturday afternoon Brother Williams gave some helpful and needed instructions. All seemed eager to learn what their duties as church officials were. The building was filled to its capacity Saturday evening. After a real good devotional service Brother Alderman, in a very impressive manner, delivered an address on "Prayer." Then Brother B. L. Hicks, who was a visitor from another district, gave a talk on "The Christian's Responsibility." We appreciated having Brother Hicks with us and enjoyed the talk very much.

Sunday some of our neighboring churches who are not in our district; namely, Ft. Green, Bowling Green, and Ft. Mead, called in their regular services to come to be with us. Indeed, we were glad to have them. Among this number came the Bass evangelistic party consisting of Brother Bass, wife, two daughters and George and Clarence Savchenko who are conducting a revival at Ft. Meade. The regular song and prayer service was wonderful. We enjoyed the special numbers by the Bass family and Savchenko brothers. Brother H. E. Sells delivered an address on "Importance of Sunday School" after which Brother Williams preached on "Deeper Consecration." This was a heart searching time which made us feel the importance of going deeper in the

Lord.

Dinner was spread at the church. After enjoying a real good feast of good things that the Lord has so graciously provided us with we came together for the last service. This proved to be the climax of the convention. The churches gave their reports at this time which were: Lake Wales, Sebring, Winter Haven, Frostproof, Avon Park and Wauchula. The pastors of the six churches were present with a good delegation from each church and gave good reports of the work moving on in each place. They feel sure they will lead their churches "over the top" and be on the honor roll at camp meeting. The closing feature of this convention was a testimony service conducted by Sister H. E. Sells. Our spirits were lifted and our souls made to rejoice as we listened to the wonderful testimonies. Truly this was a wonderful time of rejoicing when it seemed that heaven just came down in our midst. Many expressed their appreciation of the good time and said it was the very best convention they were ever in.

On Sunday morning there was an offering taken for missions, and although we have had a freeze that caused a great loss to this part of Florida, \$15.85 was received. Thank the good Lord.

We will long remember this good time. May God's richest blessings be with every one until we meet again.—Humbly, Mrs. E. L. Moore.

BINGER, Okla.—Brother Wiley E. Wright of Maud, Okla., came our way and gave us an eighteen days' meeting. There was much conviction in the meeting. Two were saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Bodies were healed in the Lord's name. Brother Wright carried a burden for lost souls while here at Binger. He is a fine boy. He has had some very hard times battling for the Lord in new fields. May God bless him and his labors is my prayer. I am sure his labor is not in vain if he faints not. May God bless the work everywhere. Please pray for the church here at Binger.—C. R. Kerbo.

BRANFORD, Fla.—I am so glad that another year finds me saved and the precious Holy Ghost abiding. God has blessed His faithful few at Branford. We have felt our loss so sadly for our pastor, Brother L. E. Hicks, only a boy of eighteen, but he filled a place in our hearts and in the church. We surely do miss him. He lived such a good, sweet life. We all learned to love him and his wife. May God bless her and help her to live true. After waiting a month we have as our new pastor, Brother Roy Kerce of Ft. White. We ask all of God's children to pray for us at Branford, Fla. that God will give us a successful year and new souls will be brought in.—Your sister in Jesus, Ola Milford.

Announcement

We have had some inquiry concerning the new song book advertised in the Evangel under date of Feb. 9th, as to whether it is our new year book. This book belongs to R. E. Winsett and it is designed to temporarily take the place of "Latter Rain Revival," which also belongs to him but is sold with our imprint on it. Due to objections from our ministers concerning this practice, it will be discontinued.

The Publishing House will, however, continue to sell R. E. Winsett's song books as orders are received for each title. We also sell song books put out by the following music publishers: Morris-Henson, Vaughan, Stamps-Baxter, Parris-Denson, and Sisk.

"Revival Power," though new to our people, is an old publication by R. E. Winsett.

In the event any one should order, thinking that the above named book is our year book, between time of the appearance of this notice and its announcement, we will refund your money. Brother McCoy advises that about mid-spring we will publish a revival song book of fine, familiar songs, and that our year book will be published about July 1st.—Editor.